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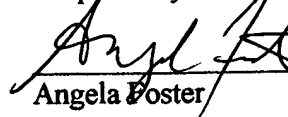
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The enclosed amendment is being submitted within the 3 months shortened statutory period set by the Examiner. Specifically, the Office Action regarding the above identified application was mailed on November 9, 2005. Accordingly, Applicant submits that no fee is due.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 8-41 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. The amendments are supported in the specification and the original claims as filed. Thus, upon entry of the above amendments, Claims 8-41 will be pending. In particular, in Claims 8, 13, 19, 24, 30 and 36, the word "product" has been deleted. None of the amendments introduces new matter.

The Examiner has also objected to the title of the figures originally submitted as, DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES. Applicant has amended the title of the figures from ~~DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES~~ to BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES. For convenience, Applicant has submitted a replacement page 5 of the specification with the amended title of the figures. (See Exhibit A).